

DEAR LIVESTOCK AND SEED PROGRAMS:

I URGE YOU NOT TO ALLOW IRRADIATED FOOD TO BE SOLD IN THE NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM. IRRADIATED FOODS HAVE NOT BEEN PROVEN SAFE TO EAT.

IRRADIATION results in the formation of chemicals known or suspected to cause cancer and birth defects, and degrades nutritional content. Fifty years of research has revealed numerous health problems in lab animals that eat irradiated food, including premature death, reproductive problems, mutations, and organ damage. You should not condone our children's consumption of low quality, unsafe and nutritionally deficient food. Furthermore, regulations do not require children, teachers and parents to be informed that school meals have been prepared with irradiated foods. We deserve to know what is being served to children through government nutrition programs.

IRRADIATED MEAT IS SIMPLY A MASK FOR THE MEAT INDUSTRY TO COVER UP CONTAMINATED MEAT. YOUR JOB IS TO SERVE CHILDREN A HEALTHY, SAFE AND NUTRITIONAL MEAL, NOT TO MAKE EXCUSES FOR THE MEAT INDUSTRY'S MISTAKES.

Sincerely,
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